

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. By this amendment, claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are cancelled and claims 1, 4, 6, and 9 are amended. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicates that claims 3-5 and 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

On page 2 the Office Action objects to the specification in that the title of the invention is not descriptive. The title of the invention is amended to be descriptive of the claimed subject matter.

On page 2 the Office Action rejects claims 1 and 6 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,651,124. In addition, the remaining claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in the Office Action for claims 1 and 6.

Filed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 disclaiming any term extending beyond that of the '124 patent. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims based on the judicially created doctrine of double patenting is respectfully requested.

On page 3 the Office Action rejects claims 1-2 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,983,326 to Hagersten et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,442,655 to Eberhard et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to include all the features of allowable claim 3 and intervening claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1, as amended, is allowable. Similarly, claim 6 is amended to include all the features of allowable claim 8 and intervening claim 7. Accordingly, claim 6, as amended, is allowable. Claims 4 and 9 are amended to correct their dependency based on cancellation of claims 2-3 and 7-8, respectively. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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